

REMARKS

This is an Amendment after Allowance but before application of the issue fee payment to make minor formal changes to the specification as filed, without affecting the merits of this application. No new matter is involved. The merits of the claimed invention is not affected. Accordingly, entry of this Amendment under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.312 is warranted.

Included among the changes is the labeling of Fig. 12 as "Prior Art" according to the background of the invention in the specification as filed. It is also noted that the two JP documents there cited had not specifically been made of record; because of the discussion in the background of the invention, the prior art status of Fig. 12, and the cited references, we are content with merely placing these documents, with their machine translations, in the file of this application.

If it is determined that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office determines that an extension is required, applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 18-0013 referencing docket no. 80001-2974.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 18-0013, under Order No. SON-2974 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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